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Applicants : T. TOMINAGA et al.  
Serial No. : 10/826,772  
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For : TREATMENT METHOD FOR IMPROVING FATIGUE LIFE AND  
LONG-LIFE METAL MATERIAL TREATED BY USING SAME  
TREATMENT

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

SIR:

Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2007.